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Statement by Governor Brewer

Arizona Honors a Fallen Soldier

"As families come together today in celebration of Mother's Day, I hope they will hold in their hearts an Arizona family struggling with the most difficult news imaginable. On May 11, 2012, United States Army 1st Lt. Alejo R. Thompson, 30, was killed while serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Parwan Province, Afghanistan.

"According to military reports, 1st Lt. Thompson - of Yuma, Arizona - sustained fatal injuries when his unit came under small-arms fire while on patrol. He was assigned to the A Company, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, and was based in Fort Carson, Colorado.

"On this day when families gather, I am mindful that many Arizona families are incomplete as our service members - mothers and fathers, sons and daughters - continue to serve in far-off places. They accept daily risks as part of the price to be paid in protecting our nation. The least we can do is offer our eternal gratitude for their service and a solemn prayer for families in mourning, like that of 1st Lt. Thompson.

"In honor of 1st. Lt. Alejo R. Thompson, I have ordered that all State flags be flown at half-staff from sunrise until sunset on Monday, May 14, 2012. Additionally, I will ask that flags be lowered on the day of 1st Lt. Thompson's interment, for which arrangements are pending."

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